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Mrs. Horace Bolton, secretary in the Public Relations Department at The Northfield Schools, and chairman of the Concert Committee, is shown busily checking last-minute orders for tickets for the Saturday concert.

## Mail Schedules Announced By Post Offices Here

Due to the confusion brought about by the change of train schedules out of Northfield, and the change from Daylight Saving Time, the postmasters of Northfield and East Northfield have jointly announced the current mail schedules as follows:

At Northfield post office:

Incoming from north and south, plus a direct pouch from East Northfield, at 8:30 a.m.

Incoming from south, plus a direct pouch from East Northfield, at 3 p.m.

Incoming from north, 5:30 p.m.

The above deliveries are sorted and in mail boxes by about one hour later.

Outgoing mails close:

Northbound, plus a direct pouch from East Northfield, at 1:30 p.m.

Southbound, plus a direct pouch from East Northfield, at 3:45 p.m.

North — and southbound, 5:30 p.m.

The schedules of mail incoming and outgoing at East Northfield post office are approximately 15 minutes later, in all instances.

## Tax Refund To Net Town \$3,503

Northfield will receive a total of \$3,503 more than anticipated as its share of income and corporation taxes collected by the state. The total refund due all towns in the Commonwealth is \$11,300,000. Since the collections from income and corporation taxes exceeded the amounts estimated by the state earlier in the year, the refunds are being made in accordance with the equalized valuations as determined by the state legislature. Income tax collections in the state exceeded estimates by almost 10 million dollars. Corporation taxes exceeded state estimates by \$2,000.

## Several Subjects up For Council Meeting

The Civic Council meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7, to discuss several subjects of interest. Among these will be the new Northfield Press; zoning regulations; Christmas remembrances for servicemen and a permit for a new gasoline station on Main St.

The meeting was postponed from Wednesday of this week because of the Hallowe'en party held in the Town Hall that night.

## Turkey Supper Well Attended

Approximately 192 persons attended a bountiful turkey supper at Trinitarian Congregational Church last night. The church dining room was filled almost to capacity and no one went away hungry. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor, introduced David Stryker of Amherst, publisher of *The Northfield Press*.

## Auto Accident Here Injures Two Northfield Girls

Two Northfield girls suffered slight hurts in an auto accident at the railroad underpass on Route 10 Wednesday morning. The car in which they were riding, operated by Leslie C. Rickett, 59, of Orange, N. J., was forced against the side of the railroad underpass by an unidentified green pick-up truck. According to state police, the car was traveling south when a truck entered the underpass from the opposite direction apparently not leaving enough room for Rickett to get by.

Margaret Ward, 10, of Glenwood Ave., suffered a scalp laceration, and Carolyn Hayes, 11, of 178 Main St., a nose bleed. Other passengers in the car were George Hayes, Jr., 7, and the son of Mr. Rickett.

The front end of the car was badly damaged and was towed to a Greenfield garage.

State Troopers Walter Grimes and Bohdan Boluch from the Shelburne Falls station are investigating the accident.

## Memorial Tablet

A white marble tablet has been erected to the memory of the late Dr. William Bollman in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa. Dr. Bollman has owned a home here for many years and had been active in many local affairs and organizations. The tablet bears, besides his name and dates of his ministry there, the last two verses of the eighth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

## Blood Donors Wanted

Persons who wish to donate blood to the Red Cross Blood Donor drive are asked to appear at Trinitarian Congregational Church between the hours of 12 noon and 5:45 p.m. Friday, November 9.

## "FRIENDLY" CONTROVERSY OVER GAS STATION

### Kiwanis Club Learns Methods Of Assessors

Speaker at the regular meeting of the Northfield Kiwanis Club Monday evening was Winthrop Spencer, clerk of the Board of Assessors. Mr. Spencer, member of the local club, talked on how the town would benefit by having a revaluation, and of a scientific valuation which would give a basis whereby all property would be assessed equally. Members asked questions after his talk.

The meeting was opened by Vice President Charles Llewellyn, who offered the blessing. Signing was under the direction of Sumner Turner. The birthday of Dick Field and the anniversary of Stan Powers were celebrated by the club. Mr. Llewellyn reminded the committee chairmen that their reports are due by Thursday of this week, and that there will be a directors meeting that evening at Paul Jordan's home.

The meeting next Monday night will be at Town Hall where the high school seniors are putting on a public supper. The Club's speaker will be Samuel Blassberg, Greenfield attorney, who will tell of his experiences as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

### In Senatorial Race

Among the strongly contested offices on which Northfield voters will make their choices at the polls Nov. 6 are those of state senator.

Ralph C. Maher, Orange, (Rep.) is the senatorial incumbent. He has been for eight years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate, the last four years as chairman of the Senate Ways and Means committee. He is an attorney.

Edward P. Egan of Easthampton (Dem.) is the aspirant for senatorial office. His preparation for office he lists as: office manager of the board of public works, Easthampton, and part-time real estate associate and business man; 20 years of municipal experience.

On Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9, the Southern New England division of the Salvation Army will hold its annual retreat at The Northfield and Chateau.

More than seventy-five persons attended the public hearing at the town hall Monday, most of them to object to issuance of a permit for construction of a gasoline station on Main Street. Robert and Lawrence Whitney have requested

a permit to build a gasoline station on the property of Norman E. Whitney at 41 Main Street, but selectmen will confer with the town planning board and assessors before announcing their decision.

Atty. Melvin Barclay of Greenfield represented a group of townspeople objecting to the proposal. He read a letter from William Calder of 45 Main St., now in Washington, D. C., who said he was against the project because the taxes from such property would not exceed \$200 annually. This, he asserted, would not offset corresponding losses in valuation of nearby residential property.

There are six other gas stations on the main street, Calder said, and no need for another. Calder explained that many homes there are already having difficulty with sewage disposal and that another gas station with rest rooms would only add to the possible health hazard. Calder also cited a possible traffic hazard for motorists, and especially for child pedestrians.

Atty. Barclay then submitted to the selectmen two lists of other persons also objecting to the issuance of the permit.

Atty. Samuel Blassberg of Turners Falls, counsel for the Whitney brothers, supported the proposal, saying that a gas station can no longer be considered a fire hazard and that the site not only would not be a traffic hazard but that its location would serve to slow passing traffic.

Atty. Blassberg said that his experience was that property valuations near a well-kept modern gas station did not decrease. A survey taken in Northfield shows a need for another station, Blassberg said, and the petitioner should be given the opportunity to enter the business.

Among others supporting the proposal were Frank Williams and Charles Llewellyn of Northfield. Williams said that since Whitney had invested so much money in his property he should have the right to do as he pleases with it.

Llewellyn said that he regarded new business in the town as a sign of progress and was glad to see it come to Northfield.

Attilio R. Sandri of Greenfield, gasoline distributor for Cities Service stations, said that this

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The Whitney Home, center of controversy



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## "The Only Newspaper in the World..."

When publication of Northfield's community newspaper was terminated September 30, 1949, its owners said, "We look forward to the day when Northfield will once again have a local newspaper."

That anticipated day has come.

With this issue, begins the paper-and-ink recording of human activity in this Franklin County town. Seven years after the passing of a respected town institution, citizens of Northfield are again to have their own chronicle of community life.

A newspaper is more than a chronicle—it is a weekly mirror of progress and decline, happinesses and sorrows, birth and death, victories and defeats—whatever the mirror reflects, all tempered with the wine of community betterment.

A newspaper records. But, it can perform other works. It can lead as well as chronicle. It can enlighten as well as entertain.

And best of all—if it is a country weekly, it can present not only the "big news" of the decisions of school boards and voters at town meeting time, but the event-by-event doings of the smallest club, the comings and goings of its citizens.

It does not end just there, however.

The masthead of The Northfield Press carries the slogan "The only newspaper in the world devoted to the interests of the Town of Northfield, Massachusetts." As publishers we will be responsible to the town and townspeople, presenting the news as fairly and completely as possible.

Newspapers, particularly the weekly kind, belong to the people more than to their publishers, editors, and scribes. The Northfield Press will be no exception. In this we ask your help, criticism and advice.

## Miss Nancy Jack Wed Here in Beautiful Chapel Ceremony

Nancy Jane Jack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Jack of 16 Highland Ave., E. Northfield, was married to Philip Kerr Walsh, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard Walsh of Cleveland, on Oct. 20 in the Russell Sage chapel on the campus of Northfield School for Girls. The single-ring ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves. Candelabra and baskets of white pompons decorated the altar. Mrs. Eugene Gangarz, organist, played traditional wedding music.

The bride was beautiful in a blushing pink peau de soie gown of princess style, with short sleeves and round neckline embroidered with imported Chantilly lace, seed pearls and crystals. She wore a fingertip length veil of French illusion, held by a crown of Chantilly lace and seed pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white and pink roses with a center of white stephanotis.

Maid of honor was Miss Barbara Murray of Watertown. Bridesmaids, who wore deep red velvet dresses with round necklines and gathered short sleeves, were the Misses Jean Kilpatrick of Watertown, N. Y., and Rachel Peckham of Tiverton, R. I.

Mrs. Jack, the bride's mother, wore a beige wool lace sheath dress with Empire line and a rose corsage; Mrs. Harry White, the bridegroom's aunt, wore a black velvet sheath dress and rose corsage.

William Prior of Chagrin Falls, O., was best man. Ushers were Alexander Greene of Syracuse, N. Y., Reginald Oates, Jr., of Green Farms, Conn., John Forker of Shaker Heights, O., and Peter Jack, the bride's brother.

The reception was held at the Weldon Hotel.

The bride wore a grey tweed suit with black accessories and rose corsage as she left on an unannounced wedding trip. The couple are at home now in Frankfurt, Germany.

After graduation from the Northfield School for Girls, the bride spent two years at Syracuse University and was graduated from Tobi Coburn School.

The bridegroom, now in the army, is a graduate of Proctor Academy and Middlebury College, and has attended Western Reserve Law School.

## Conference Here For Youngsters

The Northfield League conducted a conference Sunday for 200 registered young people from schools and Congregational churches of the Connecticut Valley. The conference was held at the Trinitarian Congregational church under the direction of Miss Edith Bradley of Milton and Brattleboro. The speaker was the Reverend Hilda Ives of Boston, an expert in the field of rural church life.

Following her talk, thirteen discussion groups were set up and they discussed rural church work in New England among themselves and then convened in a body to work out their general findings.

## Church Notes

Trinitarian Congregational  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, minister. Irving J. Lawrence, choir director. Mrs. Belle C. Marden, organist. Sunday, 9:45 a.m., church school. Mrs. F. H. Mosse, superintendent; 9:45 adult Bible class meeting in the north tower room; 11, morning worship with sermon.

St. Patrick's Catholic  
Main St. Rev. Henry McKeon, pastor. Rev. Anthony Rzatta, curate. Sunday—9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Mass at 10:30.

Northfield Unitarian  
Sunday: Rev. Robert S. Slater, minister; Mrs. Francis Reed, organist and choir director. Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. School of religious education at 11 a.m. Superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Miller; assistants, Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller. Worship service and classes.

Northfield Baptist  
Main Street, Paul L. Bubar, pastor; Mrs. Dorothy Perry, pianist, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. "Inspiration" youth rally at the church; Sunday, 8:15 a.m. WHAI morning worship; 10, Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent. 11, morning worship with sermon.

## WCTU Officers Are Named

Mrs. Effie Green was elected president of the Northfield WCTU at the annual meeting Oct. 24 conducted at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Whitney. Mrs. Whitney was named vice president and secretary; Mrs. Bertha Lazelle, treasurer, with Rev. Arthur Green assistant; Mrs. Grace Cornell, chaplain; Mrs. Esther Leonard, auditor; Mrs. Minnie Morgan, Mrs. Lula Carey and Mr. Green, social committee.

Mr. Green was named transportation committee chairman; Mrs. Minnie Morgan and Mrs. Cornell, literature; Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Constantine George and Mrs. Morgan, program; Mrs. Whitney, publicity; Mrs. Dorothy Miller and Mrs. Leonard, finance.

Mrs. Minnie Morgan, president of the Franklin County WCTU, gave a report on the convention in Worcester recently and it was voted to make Mrs. Martin Vorce, who died Oct. 19, a memorial member.

Mrs. George offered a cake in honor of Mrs. Whitney's eightieth birthday, Oct. 28. A social hour followed the meeting and refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Carey. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12.

## Gill Notes

Gill—There will be an open house for the new Gill elementary school on November 11th from 3 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Harold Maddern and Mrs. Shirley Crowell are planning another meeting soon with additional members of the school building committee.

Gill—Den 5 Cub Scouts rehearsed for the pack meeting program Saturday at the home of Mrs. Harold Briesmaster, den mother, who was assisted by Mrs. Betty Goodwin. A Comanche Indian Ceremony was acted out, with Winston Parker as Indian Chief, Stephen Curtis, beating the tom tom, and Danny Goodwin, Indian youth promoted to brave. Gilbert Fuller, Robert Niepp, Tommy Wozniak and Alan Briesmaster gave an Indian dance. Afterwards, all Scouts were invited to Valley Vista Inn for a Halloween party.

## Garden Club Meets

African violets were the subject of a talk given by Victor Glard of North Amherst, at a meeting Monday of the Northfield Garden club at Alexander Hall. Mrs. G. B. Granger was appointed secretary, because of the resignation of Mrs. Leroy Edson. There will be two flower shows at the University on November 2-4. The annual chrysanthemum exhibit is at Horticultural Hall, Worcester, Nov. 8.



Conformist Andy keeps up tradition

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

dear mister editor.

i gess u no by now that evrybody in our town is prety excited about having a payper of hour own agen. i thot u mite like 2 get the lo down on how things r frum a little lower down than ewes. u sea, its this way, me and my friends we get around a lot all over town and pick up a lot and i dont meen only bones. u'd bee surprized how many scraps of news we get along with uther kinds. i have a lot of friends with only 2 legs around town two, sew btween them and us dogs we lern lots. why they call some of hour 2 legged friends gay dogs i wudent no—but come coffe brake time at julee's u find some of them what's called that.

wel, if u say sew, i'll keep my i's and eers open and drop u a line evry now and then. next week most evrybody's likely to bee chewin' the fat about ike and adlay—mostly about ike on acc't of ther wuz only ate demi-krats what voted at the prymars. bye twesday nite the fat wil bee in the fire but i bet they go rite on chewin' it just the same. one of my friends got his pikcher in the paper fore years ago with a ike sine bye our town haul sew i got andy to dew it fore you to keep up the tradishun. sum fokes here go four that traddishun bizniz in a big weigh. ule sea. sew long, driv kareful. shag doghouse

## High School News Notes

Report cards for the first marking period were distributed Wednesday. High honors went to Carolyn Fish and Winthrop Spencer, both of whom had all "A" marks. Others with high averages were: seniors, Rita Gibson, Martha Parsons and Shirley Raymond; sophomores, Rachel Browning, Dorothy Given, Betsy Glazier, Robert Hafner, Susan Hammond, Marilyn Porter, Curtis Shine and Peggy Streeter; freshmen, Diane Cottu, Lois Heselton, Richard Repta, Judie Rice and Jessie Skinner; eighth graders, Marsha Billings, Joyce Martin, Beverly Phelps, Joyce Roberts, Robert Duncan and Dennis Lanphear; seventh graders, Carol Atwood, Claire Walbridge, James Browning, Gail Leonard, Sandra Peterson and Joan Streeter.

The senior class, trying to increase their Washington trip fund, have now completed plans for the pot roast supper to be at the Town Hall next Monday even-

ing at 6:30. A menu of tomato juice, pot roast, mashed potato, blue Hubbard squash, boiled sweet Spanish onions, rolls and butter, milk or coffee, apple pie and ice cream will be served for 99 cents complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Field will be in charge of the kitchen and have worked with Mr. Leonard in preparing the menu. Mrs. Mary Holton will be in charge of the dining room. Members of the senior class and a few of the parents will assist in preparing and serving the supper. Tickets will be available at the door.

Thursday marked the end of the regulation magazine sales campaign but subscriptions will be accepted through next Monday. A total of over \$1,200 of subscriptions have been sold with the eighth graders providing the championship team of salesmen. More than half the sales were made by the eighth grade alone.

## Letter To The Editor

Publisher, The Northfield Press:  
I am happy to hear that The Northfield Press has resumed publication. There is great need for it among the very intellectual and progressive population of the Town of Northfield, which I consider one of the best in my district.

I wish you every success.

Ralph C. Maher  
Senator, 4th District

## Gasoline Station

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station would appeal to more transients and townspeople.

Among several speaking in opposition were Edward M. Powell, who said that the chief asset of the town was its beautiful Main street and that admitting one more station would open the way for yet others. Harry A. Erickson of 36 Main St. also pointed out that another station would not add to the beauty of the street. Dr. Richard Mercer of 40 Main St. spoke against the proposed permit and the Rev. Arthur Green pointed out that Northfield already has nine stations throughout town.

## Students Will Vote On Candidates for Highest Offices

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vote by means of absentee ballots. American History classes have been studying the issues and collecting material about the candidates for several weeks.

The election will be preceded by a gigantic rally in the Northfield Auditorium tonight, where the entire student body will participate in a pre-election campaign, complete with posters, songs and speeches.

The candidates include Donna Immen of Kingsport, Tenn., who will represent President Eisenhower, and Ada Wilson of Stamford, Conn., who will take the part of Adlai Stevenson. Vice Presidential candidates will be Martha Johnson of South Hadley, Mass., as Nixon, and Jean Luce of Canton, N. Y., as Kefauver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Daly have gone to their winter home in Dunedin, Fla.

Two paintings by Mrs. Gertrude Whitney are exhibited in a Greenfield store window this week.

# Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

The new Field Secretary for the Northfield Alumnae Association is Miss Joan Morrow of Mount Hermon. She is the daughter of William Morrow, head of the Schaufler Library and has spent many years on the Mount Hermon campus. Miss Morrow graduated from the Northfield School for Girls in 1952 and from Barnard College in 1956. She has spent the past several summers working with Richard Aldrich's Musical Circus at Hyannis, Cape Cod.

Seaman Douglas Pearsall, home for a two-week leave from Bain-

bridge, Md., has motored to Ottawa with his mother to see her family. He is attending the Navy fire control technician school.

Mrs. Russell Durgin of Glenwood Ave. expects to return from visits to her daughter, Helen, in California and her sons in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island in time for Thanksgiving. Her mother, Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, will remain in the Vernon Green Home until her return.

Mrs. Evelyn Parker and Mrs. Alice Mosse, summer neighbors at The Highlands, have taken apartments next door to each other in lower Northfield for the winter.

The Edgar J. Livingstons have moved into the old Fairbanks

home on Main Street and the Fred Smiths, newcomers, have moved into the house the Livingstons have occupied for 17 years on Highland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mercant of Beals, Maine have been visiting Reverend and Mrs. Elvin Blackstone.

Dick Holbrook of the I.G.A. staff has returned from a flying trip to Florida where he went with his father and brother to visit a 95-year-old grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall are staying with the Wallace Stanges.

The Edgar Parkers surprised their families when they came home for a weekend visit from Newport, R. I. Parker expects to leave soon for a five month's cruise in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Parker has taken a job at the Newport Hospital.

Leroy Edson, Gilbert Stacy, and Joseph Holton have built a new worship center for the primary department of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carpenter have returned to their home in Westfield, N. J.

Mrs. Hayes has come to spend the winter at the home of her son, Prof. George Hayes in East Northfield.

Mrs. Victor Giard of Amherst spoke on the subject of African violets at the Garden Club last Monday evening.

Mrs. Lawrence Marcy, Mrs. Evelyn White and Rev. Arthur Green were among seven named to a committee authorized to arrange for summer meetings of the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference by the executive committee.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean have returned after spending the weekend at Duke University at Durham, N. C. They attended the North Carolina - Duke football game with their son Norman and daughter Janet, both students at Duke. Janet was honored at a general assembly by the Women's College. She has a 3.5 average in her studies and has been on the dean's list for two years. Russell Dean, another son, accompanied his parents south.

The Northfield Baptists have pledged \$6000 more for their new church, the building formerly known as Friendship Center.

The Hallowe'en parade for children was held Wednesday evening in front of the Town Hall. Later, there was a session of magical tricks performed by Francis Parisson.

Members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Northfield Baptist Church enjoyed a scavenger hunt, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Murray, at their last meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark won first prize. The club plans a harvest supper for Nov. 10.

Mrs. William Stanley closed her home recently and will spend the winter in South Carolina.

Miss Mildred Orr is staying at the Northfield Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rands of West Southport, Me., who have rented her Pine Street home for the past two winters have again returned to Northfield.

Dr. G. B. Granger, head of the Red Feather Drive in Northfield, has returned from visits to New Jersey and Long Island and will accept the solicitors' envelopes at his home on Pine Street. Mr. Granger is the newly elected secretary of the Northfield Garden

Club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Roy Edson.

From all sides come complimentary reports on the article about Mt. Hermon School by Al Laney in the Oct. 24 issue of The New York Herald Tribune.

Teenagers and veterans enjoyed the talk by David Amsden, Boys State delegate, at the American Legion Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Leach hopes to return from the Franklin County Hospital Friday.

Russ Miller will give the talk at the Fortnightly on Friday afternoon. Tea hostesses are Mrs. F. I. Bolton, Mrs. F. T. Pallam, Mrs. F. W. Pearsall and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke.

Gordon Carr arrived here from Los Angeles by air on Friday and returned to California Tuesday after a visit with his family.

Word has been received of the birth of William Bollman, 3rd, son of William Bollman, Jr., and grandson of Mrs. Betty Bollman who comes to her Ridge home here every summer.

The next meeting of the Franklin County Northfield Club will be in Talcott Library of The Northfield School for Girls at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 when sewing will be accompanied by the reading of poetry by Miss Fanny Stockbridge, an alumna, who taught for many years at Miss Madeira's School in Washington, D. C.

Gaylord Douglas has been confined to his bed for five weeks.

The Good Neighbors of South Vernon held a party at the Vernon Home for families of Servicemen on Tuesday. Rev. Lester White of Mt. Hermon was the speaker.

Miss Bernice Webster has closed her West Brattleboro home and come to spend the winter in the apartment of her sister, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed.

Paul Rikert, who is working in Norwood now, hopes to move with his wife and daughter into their new home at 56 Highland St., Canton, in November.

Mrs. Allan Wright, whose husband was a local physician for many years, is visiting the George Pfferles. She makes her permanent home in Medford.

Richard Erickson with his wife have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erickson. Monday they went to Boston where he will work until February when he starts the training course of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. He completed his military service Sept. 13.

Dr. Carlton M. Woods of Northfield was elected vice president of the Franklin County Dental soci-

ety at a dinner meeting Monday night in Greenfield.

The Bookmobile of the State Division of Library Extension will be at the home of Mrs. A. E. Holton at 3:30 Friday, Nov. 2.

Benjamin Shaw, Jr., of Bernardston recently enlisted in the Navy. He was sent to Bainbridge, Md., for recruit training.

Mrs. Lena Bolton of Birnam Road received word recently of the birth of a great-grandchild, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fielding of Pittsfield.

The Northfield chapter of the WCTU recently elected officers: Mrs. Green, president; Mrs. G. Whitney, secretary; Mrs. B. Lazelle, treasurer, and Mrs. G. Cornell, chaplain.

The New England Synod Council of Presbyterian Laymen will meet at The Northfield and Chateau Saturday morning.

Ralph E. Sargent recently turned over \$2,931.10 which he had collected in the Northfield area for the United Fund-Red Cross drive now going on in Franklin County. A total of \$113,214.69 has been collected toward a goal of \$148,800 in the county.

Voters of the Town of Northfield will cast their ballots at Town Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On Election Day a hearing will be held at Town Hall by the Franklin County commissioners on a petition for relocation of Gulf Road. Town funds for this project were appropriated last spring, and the hearing is part of the legal requirement before work can be started.

A Harvest Bazaar to be held at Northfield Town Hall Saturday, Nov. 3, is for the benefit of the Unitarian Church and Alliance. Aprons, food, a fish pond, plants and a white elephant are features of the affair, to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This coming Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Day of Gill will be honored at an open house in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Hosts and hostesses, at the home on North Cross Rd., will be their son, Albert, and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Day.

The *Northfield Press* will be on sale at the Northfield Schools Bookstore in East Northfield, at The Northfield and Chateau, and at the Northfield Pharmacy.

Opening session of the Northfield Evening School of Bible will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Northfield Baptist church. Persons interested in securing further details are asked to write Box 118, Northfield.

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## Buffalo Orchestra To Perform Here Saturday Evening

The appearance of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra here in the Northfield Auditorium tomorrow night probably marks the first time a major symphony orchestra has made a personal appearance here. Although a large audience is expected, there will be some seats available when the doors open at 7:45. Therefore, those who have not already purchased their tickets still have an opportunity to enjoy this unusual event in the acoustical perfection of the Auditorium.

The Buffalo Philharmonic is ranked among the ten finest orchestras in the United States and is more fortunate than most in having the internationally famous Josef Krips as its conductor.

The Buffalo Philharmonic really began to reach its "majority" musically in 1953 when Josef Krips was appointed Conductor and Music Director. In his first two years, Mr. Krips won acclaim for the orchestra through the introduction to Buffalo and America of "cycles"—Beethoven and Brahms.

Numerous tour engagements and invitations to its conductor came from Canada, Ohio, New England and Pennsylvania. For the third consecutive time, Josef Krips has been selected to conduct the famous Cincinnati May Festival.

Born in the music capital of the world—Vienna, Austria—Mr. Krips began his career in 1918, at age sixteen, as a violinist in the Vienna Volksoper. Later, he was appointed conductor of the Vienna State Opera and also appeared at the Salzburg Festival.

He raised the Vienna Opera to its former glory and excellence and started the Mozart renaissance that spread around the

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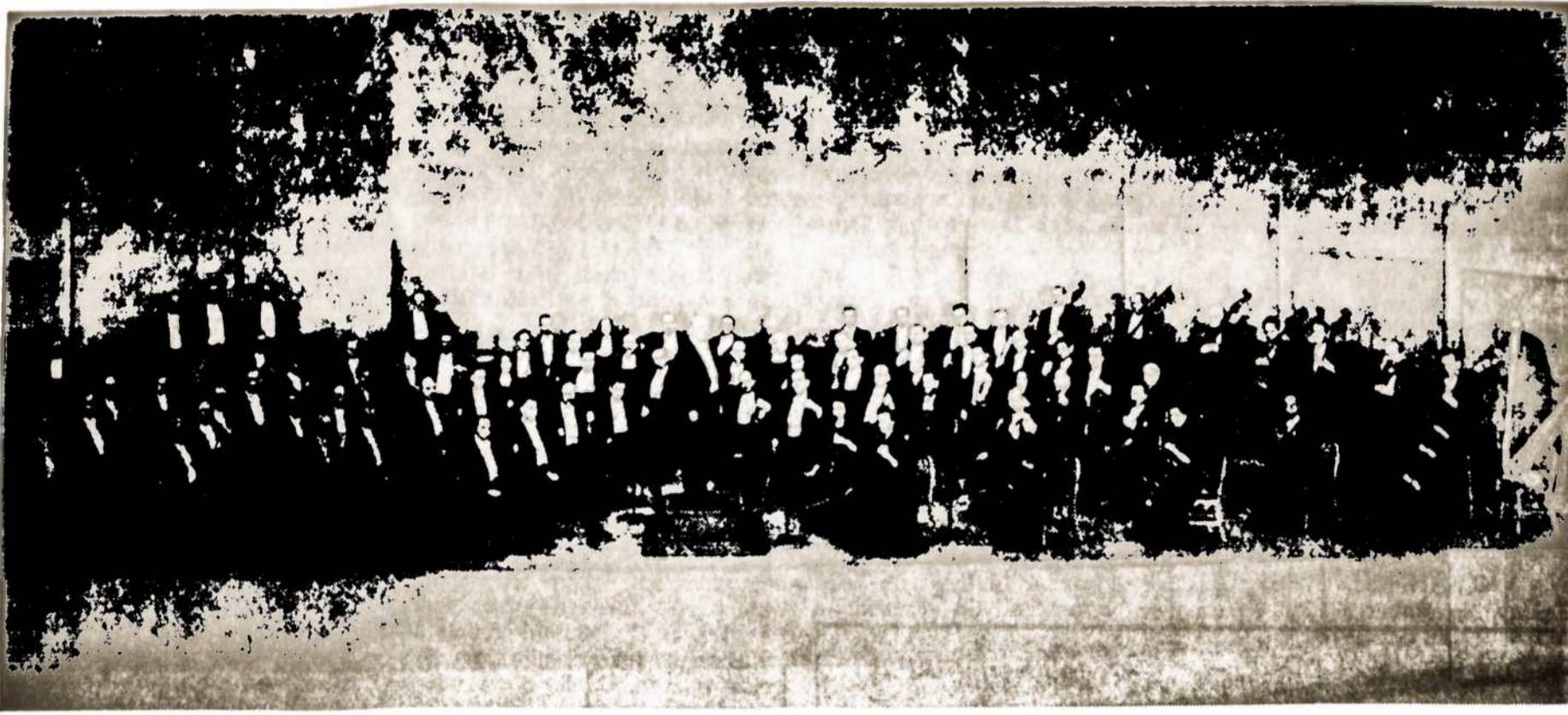
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world. In the following years, Mr. Krips moved on to the Dutch Royal Opera company, the Concertgebouw Orchestra at Amsterdam, the London Symphony and the Buffalo Philharmonic, but the musical rebirth he had given to Vienna continued to grow.

Mr. Krips chose, as his associate, a young American, Willis Page. Mr. Krips' judgment was confirmed this past summer when Mr. Page was one of the four conductors in the United States, chosen by the American Composers Alliance to conduct a "concert of contemporary American music" . . . another musical "first" for Buffalo.

Europe cannot wholly do without Josef Krips, so when Mr. Page assumes the baton for the Summer and Winter Pops Concert series, Mr. Krips fulfills his musical obligations abroad.

Mr. Krips has already been engaged for next summer's Salzburg Festival, where he will conduct "The Abduction from Seraglio" and Symphony concerts. This will be his first appearance at Salzburg since 1950. In the spring of 1957, Josef Krips will return to



The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, appearing at Northfield Schools Auditorium Saturday evening.



Josef Krips

his beloved Vienna State Opera, which he rebuilt, to conduct Beethoven's "Fidelio," Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and "The Abduction from Segalio."

The program Saturday night includes: Overture to William Tell, by Rossini; Tone Poem, Don Juan, by Richard Strauss, and Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Eroica, by Beethoven.

Rev. Everett Moore announces a change in Sunday schedule in the Advent Christian Church, with services at 10 a.m. and Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

Those attending the fall meeting of the 15th District Presidents Club were Mrs. Ross Spencer, Miss Florence Colby, Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs. Charles Neal and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed.

Northfield women who attended United Church Womens celebration of World Community Day in Greenfield were The Misses Shields, Miss Marian Holton, Miss Alice Mundee, Mrs. E. M. Powell, Mrs. G. Carr, Mrs. V. P. Squiers, Mrs. E. Rikert.

## Reception Here In Honor of Mrs. Goodspeed

Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed of Main street was honored at an informal reception at the First Parish (Unitarian) church Wednesday, Oct. 24. She retired in July of this year after sixteen years service to the church as organist and choir director. Background music was played by Miss Florence Colby, member of the church and musician at Northfield Hotel. Group singing was led by Rev. Richard Sechrist, former minister of the church, who also sang several solos. The present minister of the church, Rev. Robert S. Slater, spoke on behalf of the people of the church words of appreciation to Mrs. Goodspeed. He reminisced about Mrs. Goodspeed's mother who played the organ for many years. Mrs. Goodspeed first attended church as a child in her

father's arms while her mother played the organ. As soon as she could see above the choir rail, she sang in the choir. Then she attended the New England Conservatory, studying piano. Toward the latter years of her mother's life, she substituted on the organ, assuming full duty January, 1940.

Mr. Slater spoke appreciatively of the many hours of work an organist must put in before the service is ready on Sunday morning: the hectic job of getting the choir to meet, the hours of practice, the time spent in selecting music. He mentioned the many other church services for which an organist must play. In conclusion he said, "If an organist merely survives this hectic, frantic pace for sixteen years she deserves a medal. But for one who not only survives but serves so faithfully and so skillfully, she deserves words that only the heart can express."

He then presented her a gift of an electric frying pan from the people of the church.

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## Gerald Palmer Dies; Was Northfield Native

Gerald E. Palmer, 47, of 53 Forest Ave., died the morning of October 26 at Franklin County Public hospital.

Born in Northfield on Feb. 12, 1909, he was the son of Edwin and Isabel (Purple) Palmer. He was a resident of Greenfield all of his life, having been employed at Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation. He was a member of the Eagles and the Sea Scouts, and was active in furthering the in-

terests of this important work, being a committee man for the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Palmer is survived by his widow, the former Ruth Munyan; two children at home, James and Judith; his mother; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Palmer; a brother, Howard, and several nieces and nephews, all of Greenfield. Funeral services were held Saturday at McCarthy Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger B. Nichols of St. James Episcopal church officiating. Burial was in Green River cemetery.



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## Mrs. Martin Vorce Dies at Age 80

Mrs. Martin (Jaynes) Vorce, 80, died Oct. 19 at the home of her daughter in Brattleboro.

Friends and former neighbors of Mrs. Vorce will long remember her for her active interest in and contributions to the life of Northfield. Mrs. Vorce, who was a member of the Trinitarian Congregational church, was for 17 years librarian at Dickinson Memorial library, from 1925 until 1942. She was a member of the Garden Club and Historical Society and an honorary member and past president of the Women's Club and the Fortnightly Club.

Born Lizette Jaynes, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. William D. Jaynes of Somerville, Aug. 16, 1876, she was married to the late Martin E. Vorce in 1895. Mr. Vorce, who died in March, 1953, was a deputy sheriff here and was well known for his painting. He had formerly conducted a stationery business in Somerville for some 20 years. Survivors are a son, Raymond M. Vorce of Littleton; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Addison of this town and Mrs. Ray K. Thompson of Brattleboro; a sister, Mrs. Edward Morbin of this town; a brother, John M. Jaynes of South Freeport, Me.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her other interests, Mrs. Vorce was an able organist, and taught school for a while in one of the district schools. A hip injury had kept her in confinement for the last two years. She was a contributor of pictures and interesting historical information to the local library. Two large volumes of clippings from newspapers about Warwick, which Mrs. Vorce gathered from 1890-1918 will be presented to the library.

Funeral services were at the Trinitarian Congregational church Sunday with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating. Burial was at Warwick cemetery. Bearers were Ralph Forsyth, Willard Parker, Harold Bigelow, Sr., Joseph Morgan, George Leonard and George Carr.

## Glossie Bentley, 51, Dies Suddenly

Glossie Gray Bentley of 34 Main St., Northfield, died Wednesday evening, Oct. 24.

He was born June 16, 1905, at Rappo Mill, Va., son of Guy W. and Sarah Johnson Bentley. He came to Northfield in June of 1944. He was a member of Golden Rule Lodge, 77, AF and AM of Hinsdale, N. H.

Besides his widow, Mabel Bentley, he is survived by three children, Miss Esther M. P. Bentley of Boston, Ralph W. of Norwalk, Conn., and Roland F. of Northfield; two grandchildren; his father, of Arlington, Vt.; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Willis of Pittsfield, and several nephews and nieces.

Kidder funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Stephen P. Matosky Dies In Hospital

Stephen P. Matosky of Millers Falls Rd. died Oct. 29 in a Northampton hospital. He was born Jan. 29, 1909, in Bernardston, son of Anthony and Nellie (Page) Matosky and had been a resident of Northfield for 25 years. On Oct. 19, 1931, he married Tessie Boliski.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Stephen, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Irene Abbot and Miss Elizabeth A. Matosky, all at home; a brother, Edward A. Matosky of Millers Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Anna Wilbur of Raymond, N. H., Mrs. Mary Fisher of Millers Falls, Mrs. Esther Clough of Northfield Farms and Mrs. Julia Forsale of California.

A high mass of requiem was held Wednesday at St. Patrick's church. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. The honor guard for the funeral service was Wallace Stange and David Scott. Pallbearers were Ted Powell, Winthrop Spencer, Eugene Irish, Al Morlick, Billy Walker and Doug Pearsall. The Kidder funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Inventor of Vacuum Tube, Mt. Hermon '93, Visitor

The Northfield Hotel was host to a distinguished visitor this week in the person of Lee de Forest, graduate of Mount Hermon School, class of 1893. Mr. de Forest has been called "the Father of Radio" because of his invention in the early years of the century of the vacuum tube, which made possible radio, television, and all other electronic devices.

The March 1955 issue of the Mount Hermon Alumni News paid a tribute to Mr. de Forest as part of a series titled "Men of Mount Hermon: Men of Service." It read as follows:

There is in the library at Mount Hermon an autographed copy of "Father of Radio: the Autobiography of Lee de Forest." The inscription pays tribute to the "cheering encouragement" of his beloved teacher, Charles E. Dickerson, and to the school where he built the foundation of his career in science and invention.

The book contains a chapter on his days at Mount Hermon, in 1891-93. His home had been Talladega College in Alabama, where his father was president, but where the schools were inadequate to prepare Lee for Yale, his father's alma mater. Interest in Mount Hermon had developed because his sister had enrolled two years before at Northfield School for Girls. His diary of the period gives interesting accounts of the life at Mount Hermon and relationships between the two schools; the work hour, the appearance of Mr. Moody, the privilege of visiting Northfield because he had a sister there, vacation occupations, the preparation to enter Yale "without condition." The summer before entering Yale he absorbed the scientific wonders of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. At Yale, through years filled with studies and invention under the inspiration of famous professors, he won his scientific degree and went on to earn his doctorate.

He had begun experiments in 1903 with the use of heated gases as the agency for detecting electro-magnetic waves. Another stage was reached in 1905 with the use of a vacuum-tube detector, and finally, on January 15, 1907, patent was issued for the "Audion," a high point in the creative career of Lee de Forest. This was the first electronic tube. From it de Forest and others have developed countless variations useful in pure science and practical application.

In his eighty-first year he is still working in California on inventions which may affect us all. And while he works he contemplates the uses to which radio and television have been put. In one of his moments of contemplation he asked of American broadcasters, "What have you gentlemen done with my child?" And, teacher-wise, we at Mount Hermon might reply to the Father of Radio, "Worry no longer about your child, Mr. de Forest. It is natural for him to be somewhat unpredictable in adolescence. But he is a good boy at heart and is growing into a responsible young man. He will make even greater contributions as he grows older. Remember what Mr. Moody used to say, 'It is better farther on!'"

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S/3c William M. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, is now a clerk in the 3400th Area Service Unit's Headquarters section at Fort Campbell, Ky. Barnes, who entered the Army in September, attended Northfield High School.

Miss Shirley Kelley was a bridemaid at a wedding in Turners Falls this week.

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### Around Town

Paul Jordan visited over the weekend from Northeastern University. He brought two friends, and they all attended the football game with University of Massachusetts at Amherst Saturday.

Roger Bassett, who is stationed at Quantico, Va., in the Marine Corps, has been visiting his parents in South Vernon.

The Kiwanis Club recently gave \$15 to the Northfield Civic Council to defray expenses of the monthly newsletter to servicemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Racine attended the New England Council of Winter Sportsmen in Hanover, N. H., last week.

David M. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott, has completed his training course at the electronic school at Memphis, Tenn. Now home on 30-day leave, he will leave soon for his next assignment on Hawaii.

### Experiences of Immigrant Told At Meeting of Women's Guild

The Women's Guild at Trinitarian Congregational church was addressed by Miss B. Andreassian of the Mount Holyoke college staff last week. She told of her early life in Lebanon, Armenia and contrasted various institutions in eastern and western cultures, particularly marriages, births and deaths. She spoke also of her experiences in this country since she first arrived at Ellis Island nine years ago.

She was only eighteen at the time with only \$25 in her pocket and had arrived a day ahead of schedule. Arrangements had been made for her to go to the YWCA and she spoke of the frightening first day experiences of traveling in taxis and elevators and being able to speak but a very few words of English.

She had a scholarship to Keuka College and also went to the Union Theological Seminary. Now she is teaching Bible and philosophy courses at Mount Holyoke College, and serves part-time as minister of the Unitarian church in Amherst.

Mrs. Joseph Reeves led the devotions and Mrs. William Shattuck sang. Mrs. Robert Barnes accompanied at the piano.

### Attend Conference

Last Sunday the young people of the Unitarian church went with their pastor, the Reverend Robert Slater, to the Church of the Unity in Springfield for meetings of the Connecticut Valley conferences of Unitarian Churches.

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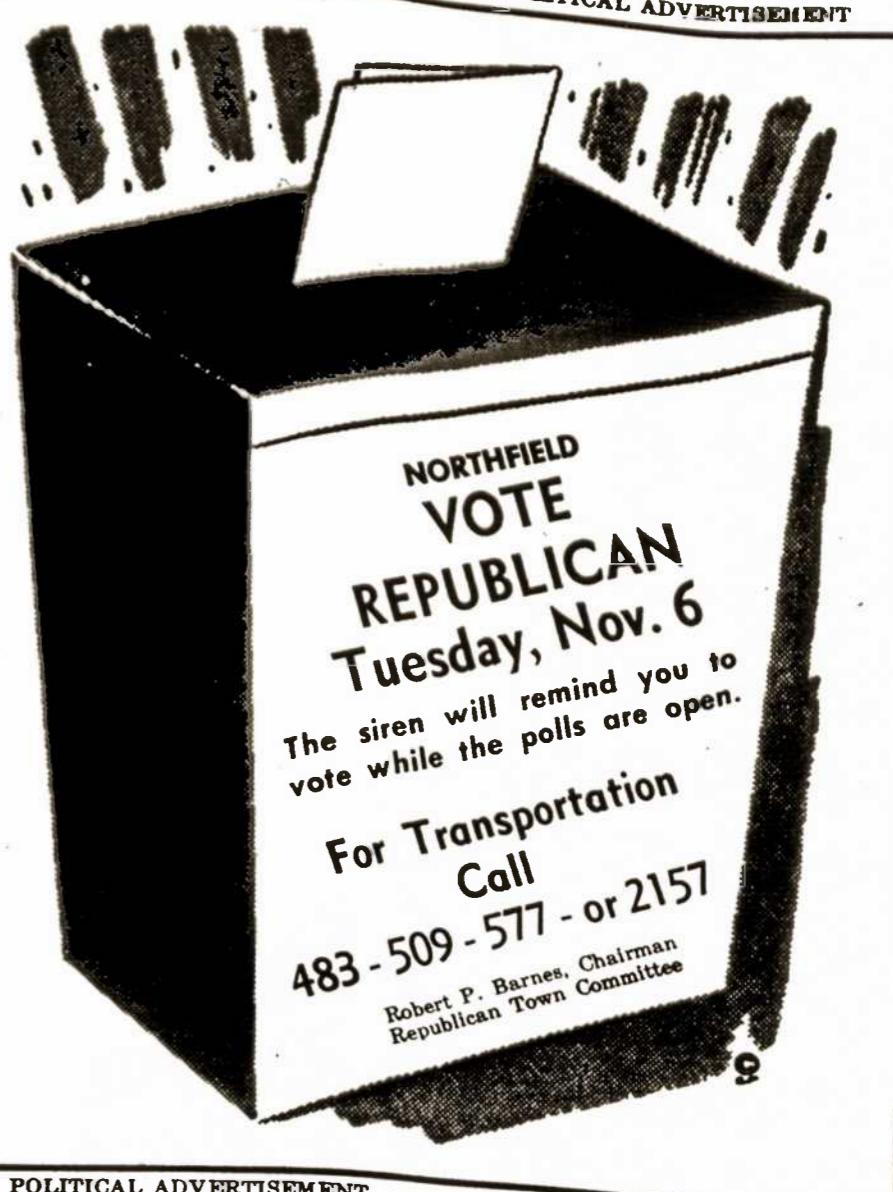
Mrs. Ross L. Spencer was recently elected a director of the Franklin County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Superintendent F. Sumner Turner has been made vice president of the Franklin County Teachers' Association.

A friendship gift is being gathered for Mrs. Charles Leach, who is confined to Franklin County Hospital. Gifts may be sent Mrs. Mabel Harriman in Northfield or Mrs. E. M. Powell in East Northfield.

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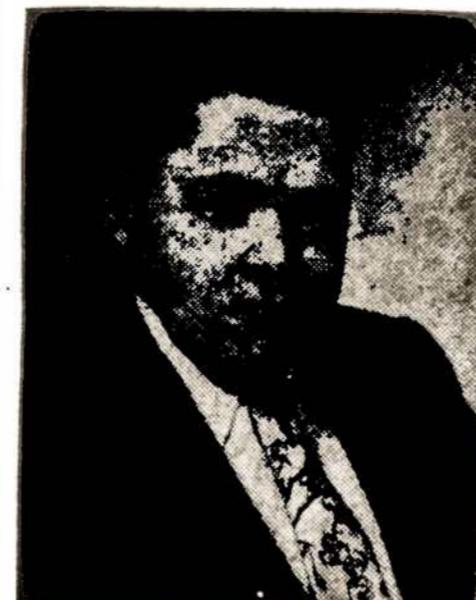
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